

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, amend the title as follows:

~~ARCHITECTURAL BASIS FOR THE BRIDGING OF SAN AND LAN~~  
INFRASTRUCTURES

On page 2, amend paragraph [0007] as follows:

[0007] Briefly, an illustrative system provides an architecture and method of using a router node to connect a LAN to a server cluster arranged in a System Area Network (SAN). The router node is capable of distributing the LAN based traffic among the SAN server nodes. The LAN uses a LAN based protocol such as TCP/IP. ~~While the~~ The SAN uses a SAN based protocol such as Next Generation I/O (NGIO), Future I/O (FIO) or INFINIBAND. The illustrative system, unlike systems where SANs use a LAN based protocol, is able to achieve greater throughput by eliminating LAN based processing in portions of the system.

On page 3, amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] A better understanding of the present invention can be obtained when the following detailed description of the disclosed embodiment is considered in conjunction with the following drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a component diagram showing a typical LAN-DISA architecture utilizing a LAN based protocol;

Figure 2 is a block diagram showing a LAN-SAN architecture where both LAN based and SAN based protocols are used;

Figure 3 is a component diagram showing a LAN-SAN architecture where both LAN based and SAN based protocols are used;

Figure 4 is a block diagram showing the LAN-SAN architecture in greater detail including each of the multiple agents utilized in the disclosed embodiments;

Figure 5 shows the format of the policy table; ~~and~~

Figure 6 shows the format of the session table; and

Figures 7-9 show SAN packets that travel between an edge device and nodes of a SAN.